

ANS Correspondence

ANS Regular Meetings

1908, 1913,
1921-1926

April 6, 1908,

Order of Business

- 1 - Prayer, Rev. Dr. Nies.
- 2 - Latin Address, Dr. W. R. Martin.
- 3 - Communications
- 4 - Address, Isaac T. Greenwood, Member since 1859
- 5 - " Ex-President Daniel Parish Jr,
- 6 - " " " Andrew C. Zabriskie,
- 7 - Historical sketch, William R. Weeks,
- 8 - The New Building, Bauman L. Beldon
- 9-10 Address President Archer M. Huntington.
- 10-11 Remarks by members.
- 11-12 Meeting adjourned and those present
invited to inspect the building and exhibitions.
- 9 - The Society's Collections, Wm. P. Patton

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Fall and Spring Meetings.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Reports:

- a. Secretary
- b. Curator
- c. Treasurer
- d. Librarian

Reports of Committees

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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2. Report of Council.
3. Report of Officers:-

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4. Reports of Committees.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.

Publication

(Saltus Medal Award)

7. Adjournment.

REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 17, 1917.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17th, and the Special Meetings of April 5th, May 3rd and November 1st.
- 2 - Report of the Council.
- 3 - Report of Officers:-
 - Governors.
 - Treasurer.
 - Curator.
 - Librarian.
- 4 - Reports of Committees.
- 5 - Unfinished Business.
- 6 - Communications.
- 7 - New Business.
- 8 - Adjournment.

A regular meeting of The American Numismatic Society was held at the Society's Museum on November 13th, 1920, President Newell presiding. A summary of the minutes of the meeting of April 10th, 1920, was read and approved.

On behalf of the Council, Mr. Newell reported informally that there had been regular meetings of the Council during the summer months. Much of the discussion had to do with the matter which would be reported by the Committee on Publications, and this was true also of the conferences held by the Governors.

The Treasurer was absent and no report presented.

Mr. Noy reported as Secretary as follows:-

*take in Secretary,
Director
Librarian!*

~~On behalf of the~~

~~November~~ 13th, 1920

Your Secretary's report since our last meeting must chronicle an unusual number of deaths among our membership. Despite this, however, the total is now 621 - a small but steady increase of that reported at the beginning of the year.

In the death of Samuel P. Avery, a member since 1892, we have had removed from our circle a benefactor who has been one of our most generous supporters. It was to his initiative that the Avery Fund of Ten Thousand Dollars for the purchase of coins and medals was established. He offered to contribute \$2,500 toward such a fund provided that the remainder could be raised, and later increased this contribution to a little more than Four Thousand Dollars in order to round out the total. He was a contributor to our Building Fund; the donor of one of the new steel cabinets which have proved so advantageous. And only within the past year, he contributed generously to the fund covering our increased expenses. Only a year ago our Curator reported a gift of a large number of medals and coins from Mr. Avery. The page set aside in the Minutes of the Council of the Society in memoriam speaks of his support as having been "of the kind that was far-seeing in its encouragement of the worth while activities of our organization". We shall all miss Mr. Avery.

The death of Henry C. Miller has removed another of our members. He will be remembered for his classification of the Coinage of Connecticut, published as Part I of the present volume of our Journal.

Among the Fellows are the deaths of -

Jacob H. Schiff, a Fellow for life, elected 1899
William K. Vanderbilt, a Fellow for life, elected 1899
Louis Mohr, of Chicago, elected 1905.

Among our Associates, we have lost -

Dr. G.F.E. Wilharm, of Pittsburgh, elected 1913
Prof. Elizabeth H. Palmer, of Vassar College, elected 1918
Frederick W. Wilder, of Woodstock, Vt., elected 1917

Among our Corresponding Members -

James Reid, of Montreal, a member since 1909
Comm. Lord Chamberlain, A.M.E. Lagerberg, of Sweden,
a member since 1907
Robert A. Brock, of Richmond, Va., elected Jan. 13, 1867

The second award of the Saltus medal was made on to Mr. A. A. Weinman, the designer of the medal. Through the generosity of Mr. Saltus this medal was struck rather than having been cast as was the first Award medal received by Mr. Fraser.

Most of our members have received appeals for increased support of our Museum during the past year. May I be permitted to point out that one very helpful way of increasing our income is by securing new members. The help during

the past year has been gradual but steady, and we feel that if our members will but second the efforts which the staff is making in this direction, that the members added to our list will increase still further in number.

SPM/E

Nov. 5, 1920

Since our last meeting, the library has received accessions which, in both number and importance, far exceed any I have been privileged to report since I have served as your librarian.

Chief among these was a lot of dictionaries, gazetteers, and lexicons, in many languages and dialects, numbering nearly two hundred volumes. Not only are these more concerned with the more frequently met dictionaries of the chief European languages, but included are such as Polish, Bohemian, Ukrainian, Flemish, Slavic and modern Greek. Of Asiatic tongues, there are Persian, Armenian, Persian, Chinese, Tibetan - to say nothing of the older Phoenician, Coptic, Hebrew, and the Greek dialects of Asia Minor.

There were also a number of dictionaries in English - gazetteers for place names, and glossaries of names, Americanisms and quotations. Many others are too specialized for individual mention.

This splendid gift was later supplemented by more than fifty volumes, not strictly manuscript but very valuable as additions in certain of our problems. Included, were a number of the British Museum publications, the catalogue of the Asiatic Numismatic Collection, and other works by Perdrizet, Collignon and Newberry.

Through Mr. Sewall's associations formed at Basel, we received in exchange the periodical of the Istituto Italiano di Numismatica.

The remaining funds of the library have been expended for the acquisition of a number of important titles which were badly needed.

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These include 1- the fields of Greek and Roman numismatics - Larizza's "Ensayen Graeco-Romane"; Hols's "Geschichte Numismatik in Alterthum"; Wilson's "Numismata Materialia". To a later period belongs Dr. Hill's valuable "Medals of the Renaissance" and Gualini's very important "Le Monete e delle Papias"; Bonanni's "Trattato of the Monete of Italia"; Rosch's and Bernard's very interesting "The Casting Counter and the Counting Board".

A number of scarce catalogues and pamphlets have been added as well as periodicals to complete several of our files.

Respectfully submitted

Librarian

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On behalf of the Publication Committee, Mr.
Wood read the following report:

The Publication Committee after long deliberation
has made a radical departure in our publications.

We are instituting a new form and a new idea in
common with the other libraries on the terrace - the
Hispanic Society of America and the Insular of the Ameri-
can Indian-Museum Foundation. The size of the new publi-
cation to be known as "Luzismatic Notes and Monographs"
is about 8 3/4 by 4 1/2 inches.

For some time it has been thought that the Journal
did not accomplish the best results. The different arti-
cles under one cover had but slight unity. Many of our
members had no interest in but one of these articles and
did not care to be encumbered with more than the single
article which concerned their field. A few years ago
we partly solved this problem by making the Journal an
Annual and publishing a collection of articles, each of
which was reprinted so that it could be had separately.
Because of the size of the Journal page, short articles
and brief notes were thereby precluded.

With this new form, we feel that we have eliminated
many of our problems as we can now print a single page,
a dozen pages, or any number of pages desired. Each num-
ber will appear in a separate note and collection and no
more will refer with them. Articles having similar subjects

can be bound together in any way the owner may like.

These monographs will appear as fast as material becomes available, and the complete will for the most part be sent to our members without charge, and sold generally elsewhere.

Lesser articles may be published in book form which will probably be sold to our members at a reduced price.

Our procedure concerning distribution will undoubtedly be subject to adjustment as time goes on.

All of these monographs will be electrotyped so that reprints can be obtained quickly and cheaply.. On account of the format, sometimes, new material, etc. can be issued at a later date, either supplementing the first article or incorporated under a new cover as a reprint.

The whole conception is for standardization, elasticity and convenience, and we feel that we will better serve our members in this way than by confining ourselves wholly to the Journal.

We had hoped to be able to show the first completed brochure at this meeting, but this has proved impossible. We can show you, however, specimens of the work of our neighbours from which you can visualize what we are planning. We have four monographs on the press or being set up, and several more in process of preparation. Maple seems to announce these monographs have been placed at our disposal, and the Rep-

lication Committee is very anxious for co-operation of our members in submitting manuscript articles for publication in this form.

How much longer we can carry on the Journal is a question. It has never had sufficient funds of its own and has always had to rely on the generosity of those interested in its maintenance. In the future we shall have to be governed largely by desire for its continuation shown by our members if the funds to produce it can be secured.

In the discussion of the report of the Publication Committee, Mr. Justice suggested that ~~it~~ ^a ~~was~~ ^{be} ~~difficult~~ ^{difficult} with the small room in which there was likelihood of the manuscript articles being lost. He suggested that some arrangement be made whereby these articles could be placed for insertion in a loose leaf binder.

Mr. Howell said that it would be a source of great regret to him if the Journal should have to cease publication, but that unless our members rallied to its support there was little prospect of its continuance.

It was moved by Mr. Hyman and seconded

that the report of the Committee on Pensions
be adopted and placed on file.

Ones presentation a letter from the
Secretary of F.R.E. the Prince of Wales, acknowl-
ing the receipt of his certificate of his election
to Honorary Membership, was read.

He called the meeting adjourned.

SALUTUS AWARD MEDAL

For the third time the Salutus Award for distinguished achievement in the art of the medal was made at the April meeting. The medal was reserved to Mr. John Flanagan, long a member of the Society and Treasurer of the Prince of Wales medal.

This award carries with it a small income which permits a purchase of some or the work of the recipient; and the pieces thus acquired, together with those previously in our collection, have been rearranged on the west wall of the exhibition room.

1921
Paul H. Haring

ORDER OF BUSINESS

AND THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANTHROPOLOGY

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April 9th, 1921.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Members of The American Numismatic Society:

Since the Annual Meeting our membership has been increased by 13 new associate members, 4 members have been transferred from the list of Associates to the roll of Fellows.

At the Council Meeting on January 14th, 7 names were added to our Honorary Fellows, and 5 to the list of our Corresponding Members.

The loss by death has been one fellow and 2 associates as follows:-

February 22nd, Henry de Forest Weekes, Fellow since November 12th, 1910.

January 28th, Frank Kronfeld, Associate since November 12th, 1910.

February 12th, Charles H. Platt, Associate since November 16th, 1908.

The present total of membership, after the dropping of names for non-payment of dues, is 618. As our total for 1920 was 635, let us hope that an effort to pass that figure during the coming year will be successful, and the co-operation of our members to this end is earnestly requested.

Since the Annual Meeting much of the time of the staff has been given to the exhibition of ^{the} sculptural work of Mrs. Clare Sheridan. Except for certain of the wall cases, ~~The~~ exhibited material on the ground floor was entirely removed, and the walls covered with burlap. The exhibition consisted chiefly of portraits ^{and} included ^{the} Soviet leaders

Secretary's Report.

modelled in Russia by Mrs. Sheridan. The attendance at the exhibition was very gratifying, barely falling short of five thousand visitors despite the fact that with the exception of one Saturday and Sunday, ~~on which~~ days the attendance would have been heavier, the weather was unfavorable.

Three evening meetings have been held since the Annual Meeting. At the first Mr. Newell told of his experiences in Europe, and Mr. Belden spoke on Indian Peace Medals.

At the February Meeting, Professor David Eugene Smith, LL.D., of Columbia University, gave us one of the most interesting lectures we have ever had on "The Use of Counters or Jetons in Computation, with a brief Statement concerning Mathematical Medals."

On March 7th, Dr. T. Leslie Shear gave a most interesting account of "The Artemis of Sardis". His lecture was illustrated with beautiful slides. Owing to the exhibition in our building, and through the courtesy of The American Geographical Society, the meeting was held in their lecture hall.

Because of the scanty attendance of our members at these meetings, the Council, on March 11th, voted that further evening meetings for the year should be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted.

Secretary.

April 8th, 1921

To the Members of the American Numismatic Society:

The report for our Annual Meeting recorded the addition of a considerable number of books from abroad. Since then we have received further additions -

As a gift from Mr. Herbert Scoville, we received a catalogue of the coins in the Museum at Lucknow, in two volumes, just issued by the Oxford Press.

From Mr. H. S. Job, we received his work on 'The Coinage of the Mahdi'.

From Vienna came Dr. Viktor von Miller's 'Österreichische Münzprägungen, 1519-1918'.

Books printed in this country, we have received as a gift from Mr. F. P. Merritt, Colonel Wyllie's book on 'Orders, Decorations and Insignia'.

From Mr. William B. Osgood Field we received two volumes on Ancient Coins; ^{American Numismatic Society} Bahrfeldt's 'Mittelältormunzen';

G. F. Hill's 'Medalllic Portraits of Christ'; Schmidt's 'Reussische Munzgeschichte'.

Our periodical sets have been greatly improved by addition of several lacking volumes. A splendidly bound complete set of the 'Annuaire de la Société de Numismatique' has been needed for a long time. We have, also,

To the Members of the A.N.S. (Cont.)

acquired a set of the Gazette Numismatique Francaise which, because of its attention to French medals, is a very desirable accession. Our set of 'Nomisma' has been brought up to date. ~~And~~ ^{from} the Finnish Archaeological and Numismatic Society, we have received a series of its publications which includes a number of valuable treatises on Hoards unearthed in Finland.

In his latest report to the Council, your librarian calls attention to the fact that the funds for the support of the library are completely exhausted. Little binding has been done during the past year, in the hope that prices might moderate; consequently a considerable number of volumes are awaiting binding.

The only income available for the library's needs is through the sale of duplicates and of publications other than the current number of the Journal. It will therefore be apparent that the progress which the past three years has shown could not have been possible without the generous support which the library has received from several of our members.

In bespeaking the continuance of the support, will you permit the pointing out that the present advantageous state of exchange for purchases hardly can be expected to

To the Members of the A.N.S. (Cont.)

continue, and that funds available for purchase of books at the present time will go further now than is likely for a long time to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Librarian

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Report of the Curator

April 9, 1921

The accessions to the cabinet since the beginning of the year are

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| 8486 coins and tokens |
| 157 medals and decorations |
| 7 pieces of paper money |
| 1 pair of scales |
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making a total of 8,651 pieces.

The most notable accession is the gift from Mr. Newell of the Valentine Collection of Oriental Copper Coins chiefly Indian, number 8,230 pieces.

Other noteworthy donations have been a number of nice decorations from Mr. Gillingham, and a number of more decorations from Mr. Saltus.

Mr. Powell is still showing his interest in our collection by adding nearly a hundred new pieces to the Napoleonic Collection which he presented to us last summer.

Mr. Edward D. Adams has given us a number of medals by Rudolf Marshall, and our chief purchase has been a small size Washington Indian Peace Medal dated 1792.

The time of the Curator has been taken up of late in most diverse ways with cabinet, publications, exhibitions, &c.

On May 5th will be the centenary of Napoleon's death, and a most complete exhibition of medals and coins of Napoleon and his time is now being prepared. This will be all ready for the public by the first of May.

Report of the Publication Committee

April 9th, 1921

Since the Annual Meeting your Committee has been able to deliver the second and third numbers of Numismatic Notes and Monographs, both by Mr. Newell, the "Octobols of Histiaea" and "Alexander Hoards", Part one.

We also produced the catalogue of the Sheridan Exhibition, which was sold to visitors at the exhibition.

The Proceedings of the Annual Meeting have just arrived from the printer, and will be mailed to members next week.

The Catalogue and Proceedings are in the new standard form but are not numbered.

Four Monographs are with the printer. They are Mexican Revolutionary Coins, by Howland Wood, Jenny Lind Medals, by Leonidas Westervelt, Roman Gold Medallions, by Agnes Baldwin Brett, and Medallion Work of A. A. Weinman, by Sydney P. Noe.

Besides these possibly a dozen other articles are promised, but none may be ready to print before Fall.

We hope by our next business meeting that we can report many other monographs in prospect.

April 9th, 1921

Several years ago, our Benefactor Mr. J. Sanford Saltus presented to this Society a fund for the establishment of a medal to be awarded for Artistic Achievement in the field of the medal. As Chairman of a Committee appointed for making the award this year - the third year in which the medal has been awarded - I would respectfully report that it was the unanimous decision of the Members of this Committee that the medal should be awarded to Mr. John Flanagan, a medallist of known merit and distinction, in view of the high quality of his work and of his achievement in the field of the medal.

On behalf of Messrs. Fraser and Weinman, my fellow members on this Committee, it is a great pleasure to me to report this decision.

Wm. J. Flanagan

The Red Cross Medal
has been instituted since
the American Revolution.
The number of our country
and of the R. C. organization
participation in the struggle
which closed January 15th.
Sold, the gold medals
having been presented
to the members of the
Committee of the Red Cross.

Mr. Chairman Members of the Society
Ladies & Gentlemen.

I thank you very much for your
goodness in forwarding me the Saltin
Medal. An award that has since its
foundation three years ago, become known
and acquired prestige as the highest recompense
to the artist who make medals.

The American Numismatic Society deserves the gratitude and support of all Sculptors for their interest in and encouragement of American Artists who make medals. ~~Other~~ ^{have done and are doing} ^{in the} ^{Commend} ^{character} is create original works of ^{original} ^{character} and, by the building up of the largest and most representative collection by the works of American medalists, to form any other ^{through the reducing machine}

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that bore any claim to be called a work of art.

This was the Washington Centennial medal of 1889 ~~designed~~ by Mr. Philip Marking, at that time an assistant to Mr. St. Gaudens under his direct modeling the eagle on the reverse of Washington and symbols on the face and the and it was my privilege to execute the inscription on the reverse. This medal was modeled the same day as it was cast. There were no reducing machines in the country at that time.

This presentation, next to the first
time I secured a medal at the Great
Beau Arts in Paris. ~~The medals~~ The
medals were throughout the year in all the
cities of Paris, Sculpture and Architecture
were presented to the winners. On Christmas,
with considerable ceremony in the sanctuary
of the School. It was a grand affair.

The very famous President of the Academy of
Beau Arts ^{in Paris} the Director de Beau Arts the
presented the various prizes. And there
were fifty or sixty journals of the School with
relation. There to receive the As each candidate's
name was called he walked up to
the Estrade where the officials were assembled
where one of the principals, saying he was
in the academy that is he knew him a better
check. I sat in considerable perturbation until
my turn came. When I was called I
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trembling, but the very kindly old gentleman
Prof. ^{President of the} ~~President of the~~ ^{Academy} ~~Academy~~
who handed me the medal condescended
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extending his hand to shake.

At this presentation my fear is of
another kind, that of having to make the
little speech.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Society, Ladies and Gentlemen:-

I thank you very much for your goodness in awarding me the Gallus Medal, an award that has since its foundation (three years ago, become known and acquired prestige as the highest recognition given in this country to artist who make medals.

The American Humane Society deserves the gratitude and support of all sculptors for their interest in and encouragement of American Artists who make medals. This they have done and are doing by commission to execute original works of commemorative character, etc., and by the building up of the largest and most representative collection of the works of American medallists to be found anywhere.

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the face, and it was my privilege to execute the inscription on the reverse. This medal was modelled the same size as it was cast. There were no reducing machines in this country at that time.

This presentation recalls to me the first time I received a medal at the Ecole de Beaux Arts in Paris. The medals won throughout the school year in all the ateliers of painting, sculpture and architecture were presented to the winners on Christmas with considerable ceremony in the Foyer of the school. It was a grand affair. There were various members of the Academy of Beaux Arts and the Director de Beaux Arts to present the various prizes, and there were fifty or sixty pupils of the school, with their relatives, there to receive them. As each man's name was called, he walked up to the estrade where the Officials were assembled, when one of them promptly seized him and gave him the "accolade" - that is he kissed him on both cheeks. I sat in considerable perturbation until my turn came. When I was called I went toward the officials in fear and trembling, but the very kindly old gentleman, Prof. Froelner, of the Louvre, who handed me the medal contented himself with a benevolent smile and extending his hand to shake.

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BROADWAY AT 156th STREET
NEW YORK

January 17th, 1922

WHEREAS it has come to our attention that the War and Navy Departments of the United States may consider a change in the design of the medallic awards to be issued by the Government to the service men, therefor be it

RESOLVED that the American Numismatic Society respectfully recommend to the proper authorities, that one or more prominent numismatists who specialize in this branch of numismatics, and therefore can by reason of their familiarity with such awards of other countries, be of assistance to the War and Navy Departments, be appointed on any committee or commission which may be named to consider the subject. These suggested representatives would confine their suggestions to the actual details of design, form, metal ribbons and the similar parts of such awards. In no manner whatever would they consider the rules to govern the bestowal of such awards, that being the duties of the Departmental Officers entirely. The Society further suggests that this representation be made in recognition of the successful and artistic results in medallic awards of all kinds achieved during past years, by numismatic organizations in the United States.

Be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of these Resolutions be sent by the Secretary, in the name of the Society, to the Secretary of War, to the Secretary of the Navy and to the President of the United States.

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Membership Roll:

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| Honorary Fellows | 25 | |
| Corresponding Members | 46 | |
| Fellows | 142 | |
| Associates | <u>397</u> | 609 |

The Society has lost by death since the last Annual Meeting, the following members:

Lyman H. Low

Victor D. Brenner

W. W. C. Wilson

E. D. Smith

Mrs. E. E. Huntington

Professor Allan Marquand

Moses Marcuson

Herbert F. Sverrel

Beverly Chew

LITRARY.

Mr. President and fellow-members of the A. N. S.:

In connection

with the Exhibition of Foreign Medals of which our Curator has spoken, arrangements have been made with the New York Public Library to hold an exhibition of books relating to medals. The smaller of the two rooms in the Library at 42nd Street has been set aside for this display, and a very comprehensive array of the standard works has been prepared by Mr. Victor M. Paltsits, Chief of the American History Division and Keeper of Manuscripts, whose cooperation at all times has been most cordial. The period covered is greater than that of our exhibition - beginning with the medals of the Renaissance and extending to the present.

A number of volumes from our Library have been loaned, and it is hoped not only that the attention of medal lovers will be attracted, but that some new or unknown friends to this branch of numismatics may be discovered.

The growth of the Library since the first of this year has been very gratifying, and because there is less time for telling of this at the Annual Meeting, I ask your indulgence if I give you fuller details than usual. Some of the more important acquisitions have been arranged in the floor cases, and there have been left unshelved in order that you may feel free to examine the books more closely if you so desire. You will notice that in addition to gifts which have already been received in connection with the Foreign Medals Exhibition, our Library has also benefitted. From the Royal Society of British Sculptors we received a handsome volume on modern British sculpture. We have also received a number of valuable monographs and special articles from other

Furthermore, Mr. Luard, the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, has very generously offered to arrange and mount the photographic and other illustrative material which has been sent us, by the various individuals or organizations, in portfolios of uniform size. This should prove a mine of wealth to anyone endeavoring to obtain information regarding these modern issues - a task of almost hopeless difficulty without such aid, as none of you know.

For those interested in the Greek and Roman series, there is Mr. Seltman's "Athens, its History and Coinage" fresh from the press, as well as Part IV of Veronesi's monumental work. The splendid volume by Muns - "Boethians and Greeks" - throws light on a section of Greek Numismatics never before fully explored. Flanck's "Trésors de Monnaies Romaines" comes as a very helpful gift. We also received a five-volume treatise by Speck on the "Münzgeschichte des Alterthums" which should be very helpful. Feinbach's "Orpheus" and a volume in Italian "Sulti e Mitidella" by G. Gianelli, will interest to mythologists.

For the Orientalists there is a valuable publication of Sauvage's on Babylonian Numismatics and Metrology, as well as the second part of Le Clercq's "Manuel de Numismatique Orientale."

More coins, and a very desirable addition to our shelves is Deshayes y Puertes "Numismatica Pallas;" a number of coins dealing with the coins of northern Europe, the gift of Dr. A. M. Beckus; Dr. Will's Portrait Medals of Italian Artists of the Republic; Casanovi's booklet on Polish Money; Friedenstein's "Symbolik der Mittelaltermünzen" together with several other much-needed titles comes as a gift from Dr. Schmidt.

Dr. Cillischer has continued his gifts to the shelf for books or decorations, and the gift of another of our members interested

in the same field will have to await the Annual Report.

There are kind reports from France, Sweden, Japan and a governmental publication from Mexico which we are very glad to have. Our periodical sets have been strengthened by the completion of our file of the Frankfurter Monatszeitung; by an early Italian publication, the "Pubb. di Numismatica e Sfragistica." We have received through M. Rosen Prilik of the Russian National Numismatic Collection 1st Collection-a valuable collection-of the recent publications in our field in Russia. The letter which we received in answer to my inquiry contains a number of matters of interest, and I hope you will pardon me if I read one or two paragraphs from it.

Respectfully submitted

Littman.

Mr. Harbald E. Gillingham, our newly appointed Treasurer, reported briefly and informally on the balances and deficits of the Society's accounts. A complete report will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Medals

Mr. Langdon, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Medals, briefly outlined what had been done in mounting the illustrated material which had been received through the various foreign medal Societies in connection with our Exhibition. Uniform portfolios and small-leaved sheets, which permit the addition of further material at any time, have been adopted. When completed, there will be a valuable record of recent medals which should prove of great use and value to the Library.

On motion, the Meeting adjourned at 3.50 p.m.

Full Meeting
Nov. 1923
Order of Business

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1. Minutes of the last meeting.

2. Report of Council.

3. Report of Officers:

×Secretary

×Treasurer

×Curator

×Librarian

4. Reports of Committees.

5. Unfinished business.

6. Written communications read by the Secretary.

7. New business.

8. Reading of papers, addresses and exhibitions.

9. Adjournment.

Report of the Secretary.

There was no Spring meeting of the Society, and in consequence the reports today cover the period since the Annual Meeting. During much of that time, your Secretary was absent from his post. It is fitting that I avail myself of this opportunity to express my appreciation for the privileges which I have enjoyed, ~~date/seen/line~~, and for the manner with which the other members of the staff assumed the duties which had been mine, sometimes at the cost of sacrifice ~~of/their~~ not only of their time, but of energy as well. It is my hope that the Society will benefit by the stimulation and increased usefulness which my stay in Athens has ^{from me} ~~made~~ possible.

It was very gratifying to me to learn that I should be in time to see the exhibition of American Sculpture on my return. This was opened on April 12th, and continued until August 1st. In all probability it was the most extensive exhibition of American Sculpture ever held. And while the plan and the support for it came from Mr. Huntington, it should be borne in mind that it was with our Society more than with any other on the terrace that the ~~app/pt~~ the exhibition was most closely allied. Our building was the headquarters for the administrative work ~~at/throughout/for/with~~ and the success of the whole was in no small measure due to the time and energy given to it by Mrs. Frett. It is therefore not surprising that the sculptors express their appreciation for the opportunities which the exhibition gave them, not alone to Mr. Huntington, but to the American Numismatic Society as well. Aside from the very desirable publicity which came to the medallic side of

our collections, visitors who came for the sculpture alone will in all probability return for our other exhibitions in time to come.

From August 1st until today, the Museum has been closed to the public. That this does not mean that there has been no activity within this interval, the report from our Curator to whom you will listen soon, serves as one indication. Another is the exhibition - entirely rearranged - which is today offered for your inspection.

It seems fitting at this point to mention another gift of Mr. Huntington's. During the summer, he informed Mr. Newell that it was his intention to deed to the American Numismatic Society the land directly back of the Church of Our Lady of Guadeloupe, and contiguous to the lot already presented to us by him. On this land, beneath the ^{continuation} ~~extension~~ of the terrace connecting the building of the American Academy of Arts and Letters with our terrace, a large vault had been constructed, and this now becomes available for our purposes. Mr. Huntington's generosity went further in providing a concrete and masonry connection with this vault - the connection being with our basement floor, immediately beneath this one. In this manner we shall have a very large storage space for much of the material which ~~has~~ for a long time has crowded our basement floor, and in this space we shall be able to place many things for which we have never had proper room before.

Our President sailed for Europe - or rather for Asia and Africa as well - on Sept. 19th. At the meeting of the Governors held previous to his departure, Mr. Reilly was appointed Acting President during his absence. Writing from Paris, Mr. Newell

mentioned that his start for Palestine had been delayed two weeks - but that his time was not ill-spent is evidenced by additions to his Christmas Gift which you will find already on exhibition. Some of you will not need to be reminded that this ^{suggestion} ~~plan~~ of having to our cabinet our members make a gift, during the Christmas season ~~to the cabinet~~ was outlined in his Annual address printed in the Proceedings for 1923. In one of the European Societies, this is a regular procedure. The thought is that if each member gave even a single coin, because of the wide diversity of interests among our collectors, the ^{acquisition to our collection} ~~growth~~ would be very considerable. Few collectors are without duplicates upon which they might draw without any outlay, but with these placed at the disposal of the Curator, many loop-holes in our cabinet might be filled. It is proposed to have these gifts on exhibition at the Annual Meeting.

Often, after an absence, ^{we} ~~she~~ makes a new appraisal of the conditions to which we return, and while our European critics accuse us of unwarrantable boastfulness, it is peculiarly gratifying to confute them whenever possible. For that reason, it gave me intense pleasure to learn that Dr. Pick, while he was here, as well in letters written since, commended very highly the privileges which we offer to our members. Coming from a Librarian, his recognition of our Library's worth was very pleasing. And comparing the opportunities offered through our publications with the conditions which so handicap effort in all the countries with a depreciated currency, we can hardly forbear admiration for the zeal ^{with} ~~which~~ ^{that has} ~~which~~ has produced so much that is worth-while in the periodical literature of the past three years. Our collections are growing steadily, there is no absence of material for

study, and our Society stands ready to support any sincere and genuine effort. Our President is recognized as one of the four leading numismatists of the world, and in his own field, he is listened to ^{as} ~~an~~ an authority whose opinion is final. Of the importance of his collection, and the benefit to the Society in having it here where it can be consulted with the freedom which he permits, many of us can testify abundantly. Under his leadership, our Society should look forward to doing great things, and I have come back to New York with the feeling that we can ~~do~~ follow the example he ~~has~~ sets and that this is no more than we should do.

The following tabulation of our membership does not show the large amount of work done by Mr. Wood in my absence, for although the total membership is ~~decreased~~ very little changed, many of the names are new ones, ~~and have replaced~~ ~~members who have dropped~~ and replace a considerable number dropped at the end of the preceding year.

November 9th, 1923.

Since the Annual Meeting the following have been

Elected

52 Associate Members. (Including 1 elected Nov. 9)

Resignations

4 Associate Members.

Re-instated

4 Associate Members.

Dropped

1 Fellow.

1 Associate.

1 Corresponding.

Deceased

2 Life Fellows.

4 Associates.

1 Corresponding.

Membership Roll

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|---------|
| Honorary Fellows..... | 26 | |
| Corresponding Members..... | 43 | |
| Fellows (Life 101; Annual 42)..... | 143 | |
| Associates (" 27; " 389)..... | 416 | -628 |
| | 390 | 417 629 |

November 9th, 1923.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR

The following report covers the time since the Annual Meeting because of no meeting in the spring.

On March 4th, the exhibition of United States coins and medals was closed after having been on view since August 1922. The exhibition hall was then partly stripped and partly masked for the medal display of the National Sculpture Society's exhibition, which lasted from April 12th to August 1st. Mrs. Brett was in charge of the Sculpture exhibition with her headquarters in this building, therefore the Museum was excessively busy.

From August the first, the Museum was closed to the public. Dismantling and shipping the sculpture exhibition; restoring our own cases, as well as installing the sixteen new swing cases, has occupied the Curator's time.

A complete rearrangement of the decorations has been made and nearly 700 new pieces have been added. Many of these decorations are but temporarily placed in position as cards have not been printed as yet. Some additions have been made to the artistic medals in the wall cases. The American section however, still needs to be re-arranged, but can not be done now as a number of new additions are expected shortly.

In the flat cases it will be noted that the

The attention of the members is called
to the exhibition of decorations, built
up wholly by the generosity of our
members. without doubt it is the
finest and most comprehensive general
collection of foreign orders and war
medals in the world, and our member-
ship should appreciate this and
also not forget that it is still
far from perfect

old custom of showing small groups of interesting coins has been re-established. This exhibition is as varied as possible. Three cases are devoted to money scales and coin weights. Odd shaped and unusual coins fill 12 cases, and a case is devoted to ^{hoards} finds of coins. Reverting to the old idea, of displaying gifts, the more important recent accessions have been placed on exhibition.

In one of the center cases all the Victory medals of the Allies are shown, affording a most interesting study of each nation's interpretation of a Winged Victory as specified at the Peace Conference.

A new idea has been introduced in the laying out of a representative selection of coins by centuries - in other words, a bird's eye view of coinage. The endeavor has been to show the development, changes, retrogressions, improvements, etc., both artistically and numismatically, the abundance and absence of gold and silver in the different periods. One can trace the beginning and continuance of coins, such as the penny or sterling, the ducat and the dollar.

The Far Eastern coins as involving an entirely different system are shown in other cases.

As suggested by the President at the Annual Meeting, ~~Christmas gifts of coins and medals are being collected.~~
~~Those on exhibition are the first received.~~

The idea of the Christmas gift journals
and medals has been adopted. You will
notice in certain of the cases some
of the gifts have already been
to come in a most favorable showing

In other cases, selections will be seen from the collection of the late Rev. James B. Nies, which was bequeathed to the Society, and has been received only recently. This cabinet was especially strong in Egyptian glass weights of which there were over 400. The entire collection contains about 2,000 pieces. —→

Other notable additions during the year were 23 Indian Peace Medals purchased by subscription, and a find of over 2,000 small bronze coins dug up in Thessaly, which belong to the period of the migration of the German tribes and the break up of the Roman Empire. When this find has been carefully studied, doubtless some very interesting facts will be brought out. →

Many choice coins have been received from Mr. Howard C. Levis, Mr. Charles N. Schmall and about 400 coins and medals from Mrs. Harriett Weil.

The accessions to date are

| | |
|------|------------------------|
| 1134 | coins and tokens |
| 545 | medals and decorations |
| 74 | paper money |
| 3 | dies |
| 25 | metal money weights |
| 410 | glass money weights |

Making a total of 2757 pieces from 10 donors.

Respectfully submitted.


Curator.

In one of the cases you will notice
recent issues of coins. For nearly
all of these we are indebted to
one of our members Mr. Cutting
~~and of it is~~ who makes it a
point to keep us supplied with
the various issues as they
appear.

Our own collection of the glass
weights is remarkably strong,
and with this addition it is safe
to presume that the Society's
collection stands in the very first
rank.

Reporting informally for the Committee on Foreign Medals, Mr. William C. Langdon told of the extraordinary success which had rewarded his efforts. Writing to a number of the smaller countries of Europe, he had been much surprised at the response which had come. Foremost among these stands Finland. Through Mr. H. J. Bostrom, of Wasa, Finland, not only has a great deal of information been gathered, but partly through his personal generosity and partly through that of the Finnish artists a very considerable collection of medals and decorations numbering more than fifty specimens have already been sent to the Society and received by us. In addition there is word that a further installment will be despatched soon. From Poland and Czecho-Slovakia there have been cordial replies, and from France a very large and important collection of photographs has been collected. The efforts of the Committee have been seconded by the respective Consuls, and the documents sent are in some cases being translated through their agencies. It is hoped to have this material on exhibition at the time of the Annual Meeting, at which time a more complete report will be presented.

On motion, it was voted that the thanks of the Society be expressed to Mr. Langdon for the work done by his Committee, and to Mr. Bostrom for the gifts which he had made to our Museum.

As Chairman of the War Medals and Decorations Committee, Mr. Gillingham expressed appreciation for the additions to the section of decorations made through the Committee on Foreign Medals.

An informal discussion for means of obtaining publicity for this material as well as that of the collection bequeathed by Dr. James B. Nies followed.

Adjourned at 4:31 P. M.

Sydney P. Noe, Secretary.

Report of the Committee on Indian Peace Medals

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To the Officers and Members
of The American Numismatic Society:

Your Committee on Indian Peace Medals takes pleasure in reporting the accession of the Walter C. Wyman collection of twenty-one medals, several of which are of extreme rarity.

For this we are indebted to the generosity of 47 of our members.

The commonest Indian Peace Medals - that is original specimens which have been actually given to Indians and worn by them - now are eagerly sought after and when found command high prices, while those that can be called extra scarce are seldom obtainable.

To take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves from time to time we should be in a position, financially, to acquire medals needed in the collection when such are available.

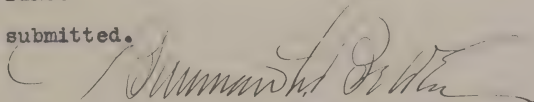
Our Curator is now negotiating for one which we badly need, and it is to be hoped that he will secure it.

I know of an other, a variety that is different from any that have come under my notice. I do not know whether it can be purchased or not, and the only way to find out is to make a cash offer for it, and then see what happens. Not having the cash I can not make the offer, so am simply "living in hopes".

Your Committee is most desirous of obtaining infor-

mation as to the location of Indian Peace Medals, and descriptions of unusual specimens, especially the engraved medals issued during the administration of Washington. We now have descriptions or photographs of a considerable number, we know of others, but do not know where they are, and there are, no doubt, ^{many} ~~a considerable number~~ of which we have never heard, and we would be most grateful for any information along this line.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sumner D. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "S".

Chairman.

As Treasurer, Mr. Reilly reported informally, stating that the form of certain of the Society's investments had been changed to guaranteed first mortgage certificates obtaining a higher yield. He further reported that the financial situation of the Society was somewhat better than usual at this time of the year.

As Curator, Mr. Wood reported as follows:-

Report of the Librarian

It is very pleasant for me to report a considerable number of accessions^{by} within the past few months. These cover almost the entire range of numismatics, and because some of them may be important for members who have sought them hitherto, a list of the more important ones is submitted:-

Roscher, "Ausführl. Lexicon".

Botsford & Sihler, "Hellenic Civilization".
"Hellenic History"

Grose, "Catalogue of the McLean Collection".

Müller, "Handbuch der Klass.-alterthum wissenschaft.
geographie u. politik gesch."

Pausanias, "Description of Greece."

Cunha, "Catalogue of Coins in (his) cabinet."

Morgan, "Manuel de Numis. Orientale".

Ražynski, "Le médaillier de Pologne".

Dieudonné, "Catal.-des monnaies Capetiens".

Delgado, "Nuevo método de class. de las Medallas de España.

Whittaker, "British War Medals".

Spink & Son "War Medal Record".

The above are all purchases. In addition we have received two very important gifts. The first consisting of

four volumes of the "Corpus Nummorum" presented by His Majesty the King of Italy, and completing our set as far as it has been published. The second, a gift from Mr. Wayte Raymond, is the much needed set of Heiss' "Descripcion General de las Monedas Hispano-Cristianas". From the Estate of Dr. James B. Nies, we have received the numismatic section of his library. This included a number of items which duplicated books already in our collection, but as duplicates these will provide means for acquiring others that we do not have,

The problem of supplementing and completing our file of periodicals has been taken up and with gratifying results. A complete set of the "Gazette Numismatique" (Belgian) has been added, and lacking numbers in current periodicals are being secured as rapidly as possible. Others are on the way. The further completion of our file of priced auction catalogues is also being undertaken, and any of these old catalogues which may be among the accumulations of our members and for which they have no further use, might be of value if they could be placed at our disposal.

Respectfully submitted.

Librarian.

Proposed Changes in Constitution

Article III, line 2. Add "Sustaining Members" after
Honorary Fellows.

By-Laws

Chapter III. After Section 4, add new section 5, and
change numbers of succeeding sections
accordingly. The new Section to read:

"The dues of Sustaining Members shall be
twenty-five dollars per annum, payable in
advance. A Sustaining Member elected at
a Meeting held after November first, will
not be required to pay dues for the current
year, and will not be entitled to receive
the Society's publications for that year.
Any Member of the Society who becomes a
Sustaining Member shall not thereby lose
such rights or privileges pertaining to the
membership he already holds."

Chapter IV. Insert "Sustaining" between "Fellow" and "or".
Section 2
Line 1

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new title
in
11

CONSTITUTION

Article III

Line 2. Add "Sustaining Members" after "Honorary Members".

Article V

Sec.3. Amended to read:

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary who shall be elected by the Council, from among its members, within three weeks after the Annual Meeting of the Society, and shall serve for the term of one year or until their successors are elected, a Curator and a Secretary who shall be salaried officials having their offices on the premises.

Sec. 4. The Council shall at the same time, and for the same terms, elect four members of an Executive Committee (or Board of Governors, if preferred) which shall consist of the President, who shall be Chairman, and four other members of the Council, any member of the Council to be eligible whether holding other office or not.

Sec.5. Section 4 to be now Section 5.

November 8, 1924

To the Members of The American Numismatic Society:

In connection with publications, we are glad to announce that Mr. Seager's article on the Croton Gold Hoard is practically finished. This is the first important hoard found in Croton that has ever been published and it raises a number of very worth while questions. The experience of the author as an excavator and archaeologist, makes his conclusions of an especial value, and we are very fortunate in being able to add this to our growing shelf of publications. The succeeding number of Notes and Monographs is devoted to the coins of Jaxartes and to the work of E. A. Miltner, one of our younger members who has brought together widely scattered facts of great interest. The first finding, which afford a survey of this coinage from the earliest times to the Zeyger-fall period, and include a surprising number of unpublished pieces, especially among the later bronzes. Insofar as has been possible, coins not previously illustrated have been used, and it is gratifying to note that some of the finest pieces come from the Cabinets of our own members.

Work has been begun on the medal of the 150th anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride, and we hope to have the medal ready for distribution on that very date. The design is in the hands of Mr. A. de Francisci who modelled the Maine Centennial half-dollar and the Peace dollar; and from the sketches which have been prepared, a highly satisfactory result is in prospect.

November 8th, 1924

To the President and Members of The American Numismatic Society:

This Report covers the year 1924, or since the last Annual Meeting of the Society. The work of the Curator has been largely given over to the regular routine of the Department, with slightly more emphasis on Decorations than in previous years, as many changes and additions have been made in the display of these. Some rearrangement has also been made in the American medal cases against the wall.

The general exhibition illustrating the various phases of coinage, which was opened last November, was withdrawn on October 6th to make way for the present exhibition of Modern Foreign Medals.

In February, the Society assisted the American Numismatic Association in Coin Week Exhibitions, by displaying some of its coins at two of the Banks where the exhibits were held. The Curator also helped in supervising the laying out of the coins on this occasion.

From the middle of May, the Curator took part of the balance of his Sacrotical year and was absent the whole of the summer, coming in once a week when in town in order to keep up with certain special work - accessions, etc. Since September 1st, he has been back at this post.

During the latter part of 1923, arrangements were made to hold an exhibition of Modern Foreign Medals; and, as you will now see, these arrangements have taken a concrete form. This Exhibition will open with a private view on the 13th instant, and will be opened to the public on the following day, the 14th. This satisfactory display is the work of the Committee on Foreign Medals. To its Chairman, Mr. William Chauncy Langdon, particular credit is due, as all the preliminary arranging and detail, the vast correspondence necessary to awaken the interest in the various European countries involved as well as the writing to individual artists and to the Medal Societies abroad, fell wholly on one man. It was not until the medals actually began to arrive in the States, that the Curator took up his share of the burden in clearing the invoices through the Customs and arranging the medals for exhibition.

A more detailed report of the Exhibition will be presented at the Annual Meeting in January by the Committee itself. However, it can be said that this display represents work done by European artists since the year 1910, and is a continuation of the International Medallion Exhibition which was held by this Society at that time. Recent medals by American artists were then shown in the summer of 1923 under the auspices of the National Sculpture Society.

It has not been the intention of the Foreign Medals Committee to exhibit all work since the year 1910, but to show a small selection - approximately, five pieces from one artist.

It will be apparent to everyone how well the new European countries are represented, such as Finland, Poland and Jugo-Slavia. It has been particularly gratifying to have secured so enthusiastic a response from all countries participating. In the case of Finland, practically its whole display has been presented to the Society by the artists or by those interested in that country. A number of the Dutch medals have been given in the same way as have several of those received from Sweden. The Lithuanian artist, Professor Petras Rimša, has made the request that the Society accept his plaque; and the President of the French Society, M. Henri DuBois, has presented six of his medals. It should be mentioned that several of the Foreign Governments have generously lent their aid in assembling the medals of their respective countries. The Italian display is an official exhibit; the Polish, Czecho-Slovakian and Spanish (the last two mentioned have not yet arrived) have received Government encouragement, and the British exhibit falls in two sections - one sent by the Royal Society of British Sculptors, and the other by the Royal Mint. The Mint struck certain medals and had gages especially for the occasion and have presented them to the Society. In all, sixteen countries will be represented, and the number of medals on display will not be far short of one thousand pieces. The Society has the privilege of purchasing many of the medals, but unfortunately owing to the funds being so limited, advantage cannot be taken of the offer to any great extent unless support is received from elsewhere. At the last Annual Meeting

several members of the Society contributed varying sums which amounted to \$170.00 for the purchase of medals, half of which has been expended. Although the Society is in no position to sell medals to the public, it can in most instances assist anyone so interested in the securing of specimens as it has in its possession the prices asked by the artists for their work.

The following has been added to the Society's Collection during the year 1924:

| | |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 1615 | Coins and tokens |
| 360 | Medals and Decorations |
| 340 | Pieces of paper money |
| 13 | Money weights |
| 8 | Counterfeit coins |
| 1 | Money scales |
| 1 | Coin die |
| 2 | Encased stamps |
| <u>20</u> | Impressions of coins |
| 2350 | |

The number of specimens received is decidedly less than that of 1923, during which year 4674 coins, 545 medals and 94 pieces of paper money (totalling 5751 pieces) were received.

The Building-up of the Society's Cabinet depends almost entirely on the generosity and good-will of the public, as funds for purchasing new pieces is absolutely inadequate. Of the 2350 pieces acquired during 1924, but 436 were by purchase. The Annual Report of the Curator will cover more in detail the special acquisitions of the year, and will also list the donors of all gifts to the Society's Cabinet during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Curator

January 10th, 1925

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading of Minutes
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3. President's Address
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 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Curator
 - Librarian
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 - ~~Oriental Coins~~
 - Decorations, Insignia & War Medals
 - Paper Money
 - Publication of Medals
 - Indian Peace Medals
 - Foreign Coins
 - Foreign Medals
 - United States Medals
 - Huntington Medal
 - Publications
6. Unfinished Business
7. Written communications read by Secretary
8. New Business
9. Election of Members of the Council
10. Reading of papers, addresses and exhibitions
11. Adjournment.

The following are gifts, mostly from
the Red Cross, after you had
out but a few days before the
last of the year. I have for
11 years.

The following is the list of
receiving money in 1911 &
1912 from the Red Cross.

151 pounds of paper money
1 pound of paper money
making a total of 152 pounds.
The following is the year 1912
and 1913 - 1914.

30

pounds of paper money

35 pounds of paper money

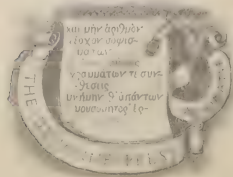
25 pounds of paper money

11 pounds of paper money

2 pounds of paper money

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Saturday
 March
 Eleven
 1911.

Miss Agnes Baldwin,
 West 155th Street,

My dear Miss Baldwin:

I am sending you herewith a dummy showing approximately the size of the proposed catalogue, and inside of the cover I have laid three samples of four pages each which will give you a very general idea of the way the book will be in this form. I am ready to run up at any time that you can arrange matters with Mr. Huntington.

W. L. De Vinne

Committee on United States Medals

During the year, a fairly considerable number of medals have been added by gifts of the artists designing them, through the generosity of the Medallion Art Company. Some of these are designed by the younger sculptors, and the quality of work promises well for the future of medallion art in this country. There is a notable increase in the number of medals which are being created for large commercial organizations and societies, in order to award their employees, either for exceptional services in some cases or for bravery in others. Possibly the first of these was the Theodore N. Vail medal struck for the American Telephone Company. One of the latest is that issued by the New York Historical Society, a specimen of which has been presented to our collection and is on exhibition.

The Staff has been consulted with regard to several of these award medals, and it is notable that there is a demand for fine work by our best sculptors rather than contentment with the arbitrary designs of a stock nature such as satisfied a few years ago. With the spread of good taste by this means, there is every reason to hope for an increase in the interest of the public. The artists recognize the part played by our Society in giving advice and by having on exhibition representative specimens of their work, as their willingness to present their medals testifies.

With the increase in the number of these medals, and the upholding of high standards, the prospect for the future seems very bright to the members of your Committee.

Committee on Publication of Medals

1925 saw the issuing of but one medal by our Society,- commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Paul Revere Ride. It was designed by A. de Francisci, and it was felt that the portrait was an exceptionally happy one.

Although this medal was struck in some measure as a response to criticism that American subjects had not received due attention at the hands of our Society in issuing its medals, the subscription did not come up to our expectations. Through the generous support of several of the leading jewelers and booksellers in Fifth Avenue and one firm in Boston, the medals were placed on sale without cost to the Society; but the final returns did not meet anticipation.

A medal to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the purchase of Manhattan Island is being designed by Mr. Hermon A. MacNeil, and it is hoped that it will be ready for issue early in the year.

the large or very valuable collections have come
to us during the year and in fact for several years
in looking through the previous one collection has
really been built up piece meal by a constant flow of
accessions. Our two largest gifts, ^{at once} ~~at once~~ were
the Pomeroy and Morgan collections. Our decorations
have been of slow growth largely through the purchase
of our Saltun. Our ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~oriental~~ ^{oriental} ~~pieces~~ ^{pieces} have been
formed almost wholly within the past 10 years. ^{our reference}
and 8 separate collections presented to us ^{for the most part} ~~at once~~
by our ~~new~~ ^{new} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~different~~ ^{different} ~~times~~ ^{times}.
nearly all of the best pieces acquired during
the year have been by purchase from special
friends raised for the purpose. Still to purchase
~~for~~ ^{for} ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~regular~~ ^{regular} ~~friends~~ ^{friends} (both & every) amounting
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young and middle needed to fill up gaps in the collection
particular.

Westfield, September

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Journal

The time of the exhibition during the
 part of the year has been almost
 as shown by the table below.

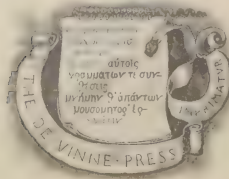
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| Cover-charge | 16% | 13.2% | 17% |
| Rentals & miscellaneous | 29% | 31.4 | 38 |
| Exhibitors | 12% | 13.6 | 16 |
| Exhibitors | 11% | 10 | 2 |
| Admission | 30% | 33.8 | 29 |

The work done on the cabinet has a little more
 than left about each of the accessories outside &
 miscellaneous ^{duties} but a little more varied. Duties
 that were formerly done indoors and on the whole have
 been more worth while and of a higher order.

Dismantling & rearranging the exhibitions, the wall cases
 & the spring containing the decorations have taken for some
 time during the last three years than here before.

During the winter Mrs. Smith has given considerable time
 to the ancient coins, but part the work comes in better
 shape, and is now working on classifying the later
 Roman coins & a work started by Mr. Smith during
 the summer.

The accession to the cabinet in point of numbers has
 been below the average about three years ago in average
 of about \$500 for the past 4 years. Profits against house
 was about 84% the average being 86%

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Miss Agnes Baldwin,
Am. Numismatic Society,
West 156th St., New York.

Dear Miss Baldwin:

I am sending you herewith proofs of the beginning of the long delayed Medallion catalogue. The black ruled lines indicate the size of the leaf of the catalogue so please do not be disturbed by the size of the paper on which these proofs are sent. Will you kindly number the illustrations in their regular sequence on returning the proofs, and very much oblige,

Very truly yours,

THE DE VINNE PRESS.

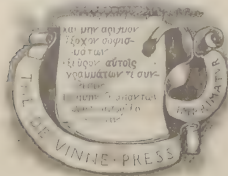
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Two large or very valuable collections have come
to us during the year and in fact for several years.
In looking through the records our collection has
really been built up piece meal by a constant flow of
accessions. Our two largest gifts, ^{not values} ~~accessions~~ were
the Parvost and megalith collection. Our decorations
have been of slow growth largely through the kindness
of Mr. Dalton. Our oriental coins have been
grown almost wholly within the past 10 years ^{and before}
and a separate collection ^{of them} ~~it was~~ ^{preliminary}
by our receipt at different times.

Nearly all of the best pieces acquired during
the year have been by purchase from special
friends raised for the purpose. While the purchase
from our regular funds (book & army) amounts
to a little over \$500, have been used to buy miscellaneous
coins and medals needed to fill up gaps or for exhibition
purposes.

Respectfully submitted

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Tuesday
 April
 Eighteen
 1911.

Miss Agnes Baldwin,
 American Numismatic Society of America,
 New York City.

Dear Miss Baldwin:

The following pages of copy are missing:

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| 16 ✓ | 61 ✓ | 100 ✓ | 112 ✓ |
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| 41 ✓ | 75 ✓ | 108 ✓ | 118 ✓ |
| 42 ✓ | 84 ✓ | 110 ✓ | 126 ✓ |
| 56 ✓ | 90 ✓ | 111 ✓ | 169 ✓ |

These were sent up with proofs of the new cuts
 which were to be made together with several books from which some
 of the new cuts were made.

Very truly yours,

THE DE VINNE PRESS.

Our deliberations have
been somewhat dormant in
the activities of the Society
during the past year. There
have been no important resolutions
offered (other than a motion)
in the resolutions committee
since that time. However
the general assembly and the
other high grade institutions
of Delaware have placed upon
their papers to be an assembly
of the members of the
Society in a modern and the
more substantial building
rooms among members, but
with but possibly less or than
expected there are no real
students of Arabic or Chinese
languages.

During the fall our kinesthetic Rev.
of the Italian Embassy at Peking
was in New York for a number
of weeks and I should have seen
a long time since had certain
^{Chinese} official and business relations with
some judges. Unfortunately, no
catalogue or information
accompanied him and we are
at a loss to know most of
the pieces represented.

A representative display
has been placed on exhibition
among which are various
grades of the Order of the Sacred
Sovereigns of the Order of
the Striped Tiger - the most
interesting decorations ever
known issued by the different

Military Governors and
Generals with their portraits
conspicuously displayed
in the central medallions.
Among the ordinary and
non-official badges
I noticed the large number
on a metal ornament of the

Of the two Oriental items - and
to the cabinet the more interesting
is a black metal of pieces of brown
beautifully fitted together and engraved
for use in printing a Chinese book
with this is a gift from the
the recently ~~the~~ ^{permanently} ~~repaired~~
you can stand by the side of
Ethiopia which is of some
rarity. Among the many other
things Mr. Biffington has presented

of the Society, twenty one other
important members of the
Council of the Asiatic Society
in India, of the North Borneo
Society, Chinese, Japanese,
Among the books in the
Asiatic Society Library the most important
of the Bengali literature is
by F. H. Johnson, published in
London. The Journal of the
Asiatic Society for January 1904
contains a most valuable article
on the history of the
unfortunately this account does not
include the history before 1702 which
are the ones most needing completion.
The Library has also received a
book on the Coins of Haider Ali and Tipu
Sultan madras 1905. ^{by a Bengali} The last publica-
tion of the Journal of the Asiatic
Society of Bengal contains an article

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on the Coinage struck for the
British East India Company
Bathurst of Penang is since
of Wales' Island by
John A. Baskerville.

In the last there is being
published Old and New Coins
of Japan by T. Tsukamoto
but as yet we have not
seen a copy of this.

It is to be hoped that
next year's report will be
much more extensive and turning
with much more interest as
by that time we shall have
returned from a year's sojourn
in China.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Annual reports are customarily a review of the months that have passed. This, however, is the tenth annual report since I became Librarian, and I ask you indulgence for briefly summarising the changes in our library since 1915.

The first two years of my charge were occupied with re-cataloguing. Through the generosity of Mr. William E. Osgood Field, printed Library of Congress cards were purchased for our catalogue, and the books for which these were not available were re-classified. In 1916, the libraries of Messrs. Newell and Peabody were brought to the building, and the following year saw the gift of Mr. Newell's books on the coinages of the Mohammedans - numbering more than one hundred bound volumes and many important pamphlets. The indexing of the American Journal of Numismatics was finished this year - later it was published as part of volume 51. In 1919 we received from Mr. Edward D. Adams the valuable set of Mionnet which had once belonged to Thomas Purdon of the British Museum, and 32 volumes were presented by Mr. J. P. Morgan, while from Mr. George R. Marvin came a file of the American Journal of Archeology, which had belonged to his father. In 1920 we received Mr. Huntington's gift of more than two hundred lexikons and dictionaries. In 1921 the Hispanic Society of America deposited as an indefinite loan a valuable numismatic library of more than one thousand bound volumes which had been purchased in Germany some ten years previously. Many of the sections in our library were greatly strengthened, and by means of the duplicates which were released, we were able further to add to our shelves by purchases. In 1923 we received

The question of how we may increase our membership has been given careful consideration by the Council as well as by the staff. The chief difficulty is that few young collectors are able financially to go beyond a very primitive stage in the formation of a cabinet. If they begin while in school, their collecting is almost sure to lapse during the years between twenty and thirty-five - a period during which the problems of home-building are likely to drive out matters of lesser import. The modern languages taught in our High Schools seldom give enough command to make possible the study of the European series which are almost impossible for anyone without a knowledge of these tongues, and so a field which might not be prohibitive from the point of outlay is closed to young collectors because there is so little in English regarding the material. It is suggested that if some means could be found for keeping the interest in numismatics active between the years at High School and the time when a regular income had been attained, there would be a steady growth in the number and in the comprehensiveness of our collectors and members. Might it not be possible for those of our number who know of youths who have shown an intelligent grasp of the subject to make them Associate members of our organization, continuing their membership as long as their interest remained active, or until such time as they independently assumed the cost? They would thus receive our publications, and at all times have the freedom of our Museum and its Library, and might feel less hesitant about taking advantage of these privileges than they would without such a form of introduction. Perhaps some improvement of this plan may suggest itself and gain for our Society the benefit of the enthusiasm which young blood always brings with it.

the bequest of the numismatic portion of the library of Dr. James P. Nies, and as the gift of the King of Italy, the latest volumes of his Corpus Nummorum Italicorum. During 1924 the first gift towards a permanent fund for the Library was made - a five-hundred dollar bond given by Mr. F. P. Merritt.

These were the outstanding accessions; ~~and they have~~ there were constant gifts from many of our members - Mr. Saltus, Mr. Gillingham, Mr. Richard M. Lawrence, Mr. Eidlitz, Mr. Levis, Mr. Orłowski, Mr. Scoville, Mr. Raymond, Mr. Wormser, Mr. Browne and many others. No small part of our growth is due to our purchases. Some were made while there was a favorable rate of exchange. Many were made with funds specifically given for this purpose - others with proceeds from the sale of back numbers of the Journal or other publications, or of duplicates.

The single room which was adequate for the Library in 1915 is now crowded. One case has been added in this room - one just outside the door and no less than six of the metal book-cases on the balcony now contain sections of the Library, to say nothing of another large case for Oriental books in the Coin Room, and the duplicate sets of periodicals which are stored in the basement. The total number of bound volumes, by actual count, is just a little under five thousand - when necessary binding has been completed it will have reached and passed that figure. This does not include something like three hundred obsolete and little used backs or the 400 duplicate volumes stored below-stairs. Besides this, of course, there is our pamphlet file of more than 1200 valuable titles; our unbound American Auction Catalogues which number approximately 2000, or the unbound Foreign Auction catalogues which must have reached nearly that number.

o you not feel that we have just cause to be proud of our

Library and of its growth during these ten years? Our periodical files are ~~not~~ exceptionally complete, and the major works in every branch of numismatics are at hand. We still need a number of histories and encyclopedias, a few titles relating to the Greek and Roman coinages, and more especially those of the Byzantines and for the medieval period, the last two of which are so strangely neglected by our American collectors. The file of Auction catalogues needs to be improved and the purchase of several expensive works relating to Oriental Numismatics has had to be postponed. Our greatest need at the present time is a part-time Library Assistant, without whose services we can hardly keep up the splendid progress which has been made.

My personal thanks go to the many friends whose support has made this report possible. Without your constant aid and encouragement, it would have been difficult to have achieved so much. None of the foreign libraries I have seen can compare with ours for convenience of reference. Let us hope that the next ten years will see our Library taking its part in stimulating the production of numismatic books and thereby gain new laurels for our Society.

A list of the donors for the year will be published in the Proceedings.

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws.

Chapter 1, Paragraph 6.

The Curator may, upon recommendation of the Council,
be elected an officer of the Society.

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets, New York



A regular meeting of The American
Numismatic Society will be held

Saturday, November 8th, 1924, at 3:00 P.M.

Regular business and reports will come before the members, who will also have an opportunity at this time to examine the special exhibition of European medals.

Sidney P. Noe, Secretary.

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Merritt wife
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Gray x
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Langdon W.C.
~~Seville~~ Yellata

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New York

Committee on Oriental Coins

Oriental numismatics have been somewhat dormant in the activities of the Society during the past year. There have been no important collections offered either here or abroad in the Mohammedan or Indian series. There have been, however, several ordinary, and two or three high grade collections of Chinese coins offered.

There seems to be an increasing interest in modern and the more spectacular coins among collectors, but, with but possibly two or three exceptions, there are no real students of Arabic or Chinese numismatics.

In the Fall, Mr. Giuseppe Ros, of the Italian Embassy at Peking, was in New York for a number of weeks, and deposited at the Society on a long-time loan his collection of Chinese Republican Decorations, medals and badges. Unfortunately, no catalogue or information accompanied the collection, and we are at a loss to know how to classify most of the pieces.

A representative display has been placed on exhibition, in which are various grades of the Order of the Golden Grain or Crop, and the order of the Striped Tiger. The most interesting decorations are those issued by the different military Governors and Generals, with their portraits conspicuously displayed in the centre medallion.

Along the ordinary and non-official badges and medals, the large number in enamel is noteworthy.

Of the three hundred Oriental items added to the Cabinet, the most noteworthy is a block made of pieces of horn beautifully fitted together and engraved for use in printing a Chinese bank note. This is a gift from Mr. Ros.

The Society purchased a gold coin struck by Menelik of Ethiopia, which is of excessive rarity.

Among the many decorations, Mr. Gillingham has presented to the Society, are twenty Oriental. Special mention should be made of the various classes of the order of the Double Dragon of the old Chinese Empire.

Among the books that have appeared, the most important is the large volume "Saasanian Coins" by F.L.J.Paruck, published in Bombay. The Journal of the Siam Society for January, 1925, contains a much needed article on the coinage of Siam, by R.S. le May. Unfortunately, this account does not include the coinage before 1782, which are the pieces most needing classification. The library has also received a book on the coins of Haidar ali and Tippur Sultan Madras, 1921, by J. R. Henderson, and the last supplement of the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal contains an article on the coinage struck for the British East India Company's Settlement of Penang or Prince of Wales' Island, by John A. Bucknill.

In the Far East, there is being published Old and New Coins of Japan by T. Tsukamoto; but yet we have seen no copy of this.

It is to be hoped that next year's report will be much more extensive and teeming with numismatic interest, as by that time Mr. Reilly will have returned from a year's sojourn in China

The Regular Spring Meeting of the American Numismatic Society was called to order on Saturday, April 11th, at 3.25 p.m., Mr. John Reilly, Jr., Acting President, presiding.

Very briefly and informally Mr. Reilly announced the selection of Mr. Paul Manship as recipient for the Seltus Medal, awarded for Artistic Achievement in the Art of the Medal. Mr. Manship responded, expressing his appreciation of the honour shown him by the Society in this presentation. ~~Under Mr. Robinson, it was voted that the fourth~~ Saturday of each month, beginning with September and ending with June, be considered "Open House" days; and that notices to this effect be sent to the Society's members.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Apr. 11, 1925

Order of Business

Reports

Secretary
Curator
Treasurer 1
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Membership Roll, 1925

April

Honorary Fellows . . . 25
Corresponding Members 44
Fellows 138
Associates..... 399

November

Honorary Fellows 25
Corresponding 44
Fellows..... 141 (plus three
newly elected)
Associates..... 394 (plus four
newly elected)

Since the April Meeting, the Society has been notified of the
deaths of one Fellow and four Associates.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~IndianHouseMuseum
Report of Committee on Foreign Medals

As Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Medals, Mr. William C. Langdon, reported on the work which was being done as an aftermath of the Foreign Medal Exhibition. By borrowing medals belonging to the Society in certain national groups, such as those Czechoslovakian, Finnish and Hungarian medals, he had arranged for the exhibition of these, in showcase, in the Bank of Europe for the Czechoslovakian display, and in several other groups in the buildings of the branch libraries of the City. This had led to a request for Dutch medals at the Harlem Branch, 12 West 111th Street in connection with the Centennial of the Dutch library which is being celebrated this year. There have also been requests for an exhibition of medals by American artists, and through the generosity of the Medallic Art Company, it is possible to meet the desire in this case. The interest awakened was genuine and very considerable, and there is prospect of worth while results.

The work of the Committee was commended upon as being in the right direction by other members present, and the further support of the Society was bespoken.

The President called attention to the bronze bust of the late Mr. J. Sanford Saltus, which had just been placed on exhibition, and which will ultimately be placed permanently in the main exhibition room.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Present at the Saturday, November 14th, 1925, Autumn meeting

Messrs. Nowell, Wood, Doe, Beauty, Gillingham, Miller, Belden, Drowne
Fulls, Veil, Firestone and Langdon.

For details of Meeting, see Marxistist.

Since the April meeting of the Society, there has been a noticeable growth in the use made of our building and its collections. Many of our visitors have come from out of town, and we always make an especial effort to afford these visitors access to any part of our collection not on exhibition. It was with this thought in mind that the insertion in the handbook of the American Numismatic Association was made to read that "our Society extends a cordial invitation to members of the Association, whenever they may visit New York, to make this Museum their numismatic headquarters." In this connection, it might be worth repeating that the resources of our Library are at the disposal of any serious writer or student, not only when it is possible for them to come to our Library, but even if it is not possible for them to come, provided that the volume desired is not in constant use, or irreplaceable. We want, in so far as it is possible to remove any impediment to the production of worth-while numismatic publications. Our Curator is constantly placing his experience at the disposal of members or visitors in pronouncing upon the genuineness of coins submitted. Both he and your Secretary have been consulted in connection with medals under consideration by firms in New York, as well as by architects who have been using coin designs in the decoration of banks which they have designed.

This effort to be of service has extended to students who have gone abroad. At present we have two members who are in attendance at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and one of them is engaged on the classification of a hoard of Byzantine coins found in the excavations conducted by the School at Corinth during the past summer. Our Associate Curator, Mrs. Frett, rendered like service for coins found during the previous excavations while she was in Athens during the early months of the year.

Navy Decorations awarded to Medical Officers for Distinguished Service in the "World War." Finally, through purchase as well as by gift, we have materially strengthened our collection of Auction Catalogues and especially the priced ones.

One of the activities of the summer has been the preparing of a large accumulation for the bookbinder. After taking care of the periodicals and of the brochures which arrived unbound, it was found that a friendly balance in the Library fund would permit including about one hundred volumes of foreign auction catalogues, and the increased usefulness of these catalogues since they have been bound has unmistakably shown the wisdom of having them bound. The amount in hand permitted sending only those of the greatest importance, and these were very carefully selected, and as all branches of collecting are included, the benefit should be considerable.

A note should be made of one other department, which, for lack of better placing, has been put in the care of the Library. It was found early in the year that we could make good use of a collection of lantern slides showing coins, and the beginning of such a collection was made, at his own expense, by our President. Another of our members, Mrs. Fretwell, learning of this, contributed slides which had been used in lectures given by her and others are promised. With such a start, it was a great stimulus to receive a cheque for fifty dollars for the further increase of the collection, and inquiries are being made as to what can be obtained abroad. Both the Royal Numismatic Society and the Hellenic Society have collections of slides, and further help to make our collection of these lantern slides what it should be, will be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted.

Mr. President and Members of the American Numismatic Society:-

The Library of our Society has been growing steadily since the report made at the Spring meeting. ~~of the~~ This growth has made some shelving changes necessary - the less used books continue to be pushed out onto the balcony, with the result that most of the available space is now occupied.

We have received some very helpful and desirable additions through gifts. Mr. Gillingham, during his stay abroad, sent several very welcome titles for the section devoted to Decorations, as well as an equally welcome cheque to cover expenses of binding. From Mr. Robert J. Millitz we received a large collection of catalogues and periodicals which supplemented our files in a surprising number of instances. Mr. Scoville sent us an accumulation of auction catalogues, and his course was followed by a number of other friends of the Library. Through Mr. W. C. Ingham we secured a file of foreign mint reports, as well as other publications devoted to modern mintage exclusively.

As usual, our purchases formed the greater part of our accessions. We were fortunate in being able to obtain some much needed pamphlets from the library of the late J. M. Svoronos - certain of these we had been trying to obtain for years. The addition to our shelves of 33 volumes of the Loeb Classical Library strengthened the field of ancient history, and Tenney Frank's "History of Rome" and Diehl's History of the Byzantine Empire did the same for later periods. We took advantage of one opportunity to secure several books dealing with coin weights - a subject which has been attracting the attention of several European students, and of at least one on this side. A recent treatise in the Journal of the Siam Society provides what is perhaps the first adequate treatment of the coinage of Siam. Hume's "Medical Book of Merit" is an attempt to record the ~~services~~ 'United States Army and

Report of the Curator

The Exhibition of Foreign Medallion work by contemporary artists, which opened on November 10, 1924, and which was to terminate about the end of that year, continued until April 20, 1925. After which, the Museum closed until September 8th, when the present exhibition was opened to the public.

During the summer, the foreign medals were packed and returned to Europe. The present medal display was largely rearranged owing to the many important additions resulting from the Foreign Medal Exhibition. The collection of Decorations in the swing-cases has been considerably increased, and readjustments were made necessary on account of its growth and the resultant lack of space for the display of certain of the series. This crowding will be temporarily remedied by the addition of six new swings which are expected to be in place very shortly.

The cabinets in the coin room and on the balcony are fast becoming filled, and it will not be long before they, too, will be overcrowded. In fact, all departments and all sections of the building are suffering for want of space due to the constant and rapid growth of Museum material.

The above remarks are made, not to deter others from making gifts to the Society but rather to stimulate further giving to this constantly growing collection. It might be added that 90% of the coins and medals are due to the generosity of the Society's friends.

The accessions throughout the year 1925, in point of numbers, have proved somewhat below the average of recent years. Aside from a large gift of German, Austrian and French wartime tokens, numbering 1743 pieces, no single large collection has been added to the Cabinets. Important purchases have been made possible through contributions received. These have much augmented two of the Society's chief collections - one, the modern foreign medals have been brought largely up to date by selected purchases made from the Exhibition of Contemporary Medals; and the Indian Peace medal collection has been strengthened by twenty-seven new pieces

bought chiefly at the Phillips sale in London, and the W.W.C. Wilson sale recently held in New York. These, together with the 93 pieces already in the possession of the Society, bring this collection of Indian Peace medals to the foremost rank.

Other notable gifts are 108 Greek and Roman coins from Mr. Hoyt Miller, 41 Decorations from Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham, 73 Napoleonic coins and medals from Mr. William R. Powell, a set of decorations of the Order of the White Rose from the Government of Finland, 30 modern American medals from the Medallie Art Company, as well as a vast number of other individual gifts.

The most important single purchase was the medal of the Columbian Order (now the Tammany Society), bearing the date 1789.

The details of most of these gifts were reported at previous meetings.

The Society has on loan, through the courtesy of Mr. Giuseppe Ros, of Peking, China, a most instructive and interesting collection of Chinese Republican decorations, medals and badges, numbering 1500 pieces.

December 17th, 1925

Edward T. Newell, Esq.
Hotel Mayflower
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Newell:

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Browne, and rather than readdress it, I am using the opportunity to send you the address of Ritsos, which I failed to give you before you left.

As we have it, Ritsos' Salonique address and number is Rue Despers, No.6. He, also, spells it, however, Rue D'Esperay, 6. I believe it would be better to send any draft for him care of Th. Pappavangelou, 29 Minshall Street, Manchester. They can then forward it to him, and will unquestionably have an address that will reach him in Salonique. In the meantime, I will write to him at Salonique; tell him that you are going to take the Mende piece, and let him know what Mr. Miller wants to do about the other Lysimachus, as soon as I hear from Mr. Miller.

Have you looked up the first Lysimachus piece, No. 14? You will remember that he gives the price in the letter which you took.

I shall await word from you before returning the coins.

Did you see in the paper the note of the sale of Senator Lodge's effects - that they included some antiques? I enclose a clipping.

Very truly yours,

Encs.

Secretary

Committee on Ancient Coins

The accessions to our Cabinet of Greek Coins, while few in number, include some very choice pieces. Mr. Hoyt Miller has presented to us fifty Greek silver coins, of which we may mention five staters of Boeotia, one rare tetradrachm of Gela, the type with the female figure placing a wreath on the river-bull's head, and four tetradrachms of Syracuse of transitional style. Mrs. Edward T. Newell has given us a fine hundred-litrae gold piece of Syracuse struck at the time of the Athenian expedition to Sicily. From Mr. William B. Osgood Field, we received two fine gold staters of Alexander the Great, one, a rare piece from the ruin of Sidon. The largest single gift was that of Mr. Felix M. Warburg, who presented us with sixty Greek silver coins, including specimens of Coins of Selinus, Agrigenton, Himera, Gela, Leontini, Syracuse, etc., three Greek gold coins, one a stater of Philip II, another, a small gold piece of Philip III, and last, but of the most importance, artistically, a hundred-litrae piece of Syracuse, bearing the signature of the artist, Euainetos. From this same donor, came also two Carthaginian electrum coins, one silver and nine gold Byzantine coins.

Two very important collections of ancient coins were sold in June, 1925, by Naville and Co., of Geneva, represented by Catalogues X and XI. The former contained the most complete series of Seleucid coins ever sold and a remarkable collection of Roman aes graves. The latter, Catalogue XI, contained the important collection of Roman and Byzantine coins formed by H. C. Levis, Esq., which was very complete, and notable for the number of medallions, gold and bronze. A third important sale was that of the collection of Col. Allotte de la Fuje, Greek, Roman and Byzantine, which

comprised a splendid series of the coins of Syria, Judaea, and especially Parthia and Persia.

The most recent sales have been those of Roman coins, of which the notable collection of Aes Græves formed by the late Louis Sambon and Comm. Jules Sambon, was sold in November by Sotheby and Co.; and the very extensive collection of Roman coins, including Aes Græve, Imperial and Conformates, was sold by L. Ramburger in October.

Anne Baldwin Brett

Chairman

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Whitehead and Hoag Company
Women's Overseas Service League
Women's Roosevelt Memorial Association

The Christmas letter, despite the fact that the Christmas letter was sent out but a few days before Christmas, numbered 266 pieces from fourteen donors.

The accessions to the Cabinet since the November meeting amount to:

587 Coins and tokens

121 Medals and decorations

1 Piece of paper money

making a total of 708 pieces.

The accessions for the year 1925 are as follows:

3040 Coins and tokens

620 Medals and decorations

38 Pieces of paper money

26 Encased postage stamps

17 Moneyweights

2 Dies

Total: 3743 pieces from 157 donors.

Names of donors

Ernest R. Ackerman
Edward D. Adams
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I know that you will forgive me when I state that this will be a short address- I hope that you will also forgive me for its necessarily merely superficial character.

Such events of the year just past as have been of sufficient importance to merit mention will be taken care of in greater detail in the reports of various committees and officers of the Society. Needless repetition ought certainly to be avoided, particularly as our time is usually so short at this our annual meeting. Furthermore, that brilliant and comprehensive address which I had planned to write during my recent short stay in Florida never materialized. For I discovered, to my dismay, that the extraordinary noises caused by the innumerable land "booms" down there interfered with all serious and consecutive thought- so this year I am going to be very light and brief.

Perhaps the outstanding note in this meeting will be the Treasurer's report. It so often has been a note of sadness in the past that I am particularly sorry that a sudden indisposition is keeping our Treasurer away from us today. I know that he was looking forward to this meeting with a justifiably complacent pleasure as he contemplated what he was about to tell you. I will not be stealing any of the thunder from his report when I whisper to you that we are actually closing 1925, not only without the usual deficit but with a slight balance ! Like Job's comforters, however, I hasten to add a jarring note. However attractive the contemplation of 1925 may be let not

our complacency become too great. We cannot yet afford to sit back and fold our hands. What our Treasurer has achieved has been accomplished only be hard and persistent- I should perhaps say persuasive - labor on his part, backed to the limit by the loyal and generous support of so many of our members. This gives us every encouragement for the new Year- but we are not out of the woods yet- not by any means. We will still lack sufficient income completely to take care of even our barest needs- let alone any possible increase to our activities. We still remain in urgent need of an increase of at least a hundred thousand dollars to our endowment Fund. Until that has been secured I am afraid we will have to postpone all immediate thought of the additional building (as outlined in my last annual address) which we so urgently need. The tentative plans of which I spoke at that time could not, for several reasons, be worked out in 1925. But let us not despair- we have so much to be grateful for in the year just past. In thanking our Treasurer for what he has accomplished let us also not forget those generous and loyal members who helped to make his report so attractive.

I would also like to express, however inadequately our deep gratitude for the unexpected and generous bequest left to the Society by our member the late Mrs. Arabella D. Huntington. The income from this bequest will materially lighten our burden for the years to come

I am going to dwell on only one more subject-but one that has always lain nearest my heart- namely, the building up of the Society's collections. Here we have a very great mission.

Whatever may be said to the contrary, a well rounded out collection, after all, constitutes the only basis for any real advance in the science of numismatics. The Society' collections should be made such that they would be of use to every possible type of collector or student- be he interested in Decorations or paper money, in Colonial cents, in South American dollars, or in the gold coins of Siam. Now this is a subject on which I have spoken long and often, and and over which I will ever wax enthusiastic. At present there is no public collection in all the Western Hemisphere which can begin to lay claim to the world wide usefulness enjoyed by some of the great collections of Europe. This is a great pity. Our American students and collectors, while perhaps not so numerous, are just as keen and just as able as those in Europe- but they labor under an undeserved disadvantage. They are dependant upon private collections scattered hither and yon throughout this great country, or upon the kindness (which I will say seems never failing) of the foreign museum directors for casts or photographs frequently so unsatisfactory in inadequate. Failing this they must pack up their grips and go abroad. This last alternative is not an unmixt sorrow to many of us- but still it has its disadvantages; at best it is both expensive and destructive of valuable time. How the collectors of England , of France, of Germany, of many another foreign country are to be envied ! They, by going a few blocks or a few miles may find in the trays of their several national collections just the piece they needed to see and to handle to confirm (or perchance to modify) some pet theory which they had long been cherishing but had lacked the means of proving. How

very desirable if such a collection as I have in mind could be formed right here in New York, a city which all will admit is fairly accessible even if its other demerits loom large in the eyes of our brethren from Boston, Philadelphia or points further west. Here, with all its attendant facilities, is the place for the great collection of the Western Hemisphere.

Now the American Numismatic Society already possesses the following advantages: it has a building of its own and room for additional expansion, it has an organisation capable of indefinite expansion, and last but not least it already has more than the rudiments of such a collection as I have outlined. In these respects it is ahead of any other institution in all the Americas. But even so our collections are still very far from being as complete as they should be. In certain branches, such as the Colonial series, the pioneer gold, the mediaeval coinage of Europe and many others they are still lamentably weak. The Society, however, has an enviable start. It is up to us now to grasp the rapidly vanishing opportunity of pushing on while yet there is time. For it is only a question of time when the many active, progressive, and richly endowed institutions, particularly of the West and Middle West, will awake to the vital importance of possessing as large and comprehensive a collection of coins as possible. Even our own government may some day awake and provide the means for making the national collection in Washington what it should be. You may imagine what competition there will be then! It is obviously the greatest wisdom for us to seize the present opportunity while we are still practically alone in the field and to place

our collection beyond competition.. In a short while the situation is bound to become well nigh hopeless even with the expenditure of immense sums of money.

At present our institution, still dependant upon an insufficient endowment or upon the generosity of its members, can hardly hope to accomplish much in a large way at once. But in a small way, with energy and foresight, it can do wonders, as witness the present status of our collection of Indian Peace Medals. This is only one small field to be preeminent in, many other field equally close at home and equally important, still remain in a most unsatisfactory state. Let us now commence to cultivate some of these .

This year has been rendered memorable by the fact that one of our prominent members, one who obviously has the future of our Society at heart, has informed us that his splendid and very comprehensive collection (covering a certain large portion of the globe) will eventually come to us. While respecting his desire for anonymity for the present we can however unite in expressing the deep gratitude of the Society for his loyalty and foresight. It is in this way, by the acquisition of specialized collections, that the Society's cabinet as a whole can take its rightful place. There is hope that his enlightened attitude will be adopted by many others.

A very helpful and most encouraging activity has of late been displayed by certain others of our members. Individuals have taken upon themselves a special interest in certain branches of the Society's collection. Thus either by generous gifts or by continual campaigning and solicitation our Indian Peace Medals, our Decorations,

our Oriental coins have grown to be extremely important assemblages, important not only here but among collections of the world. May we not hope that other specialized fields- of the Colonial, of the Pioneer gold, of the subsidiary Mints, fields in which we are particularly weak- may we not hope, I say, that these too will soon find their good angels and sponsors ?

While acquisitions in 1925 may not have equalled in number the average of other years, in quality they prove to be in the first rank. The Society will ever be grateful to those members who have this year added so generously and so splendidly to our series of Foreign Medals, Decorations, Indian Peace Medals, German War token money, Ancient Greek coins and certain other groups. Altogether it has been a most successful year 1926 will have to look well to its laurels.

In closing, on behalf of the Society, I would like to thank my fellow officers and the members of the various committees for their loyal and unremitting efforts, the sum of which have made possible so successful a year.

The amount to our Cabinet of Greek coins,
which few in number, include some very
choice pieces. Mr Hoyt Miller has presented
to us fifty Greek silver coins of which
~~some are~~ ^{one is} a statue of Athena, one of
rare tetradrachm by Sele^{the 1st}, and the
figure placing a wreath on the
min^{er}-bull's head, and four ~~are~~ ^{are} also
specimens of ^{the} transition of
style. Mrs. E. H. North has given us a
fine hundred-litre gold piece of
Syracuse struck at the time of the
Albanian expedition. To Society from
Mr. H. H. Woodfield we received
two fine gold staters of Alexander the
Great, one from the mint of Sidon. The
largest single gift was thirty stater
Tetradrachms, which presented us with
sixty Greek silver coins, including spec-
imens of coins of Seleucus, Agrippa, Tiberius,
Nerva, Geta, Leon^{the} tris, and Hyrcanus^{etc}.
Three Greek gold coins, one a stater
of Philip II ^{Sandwich} and a small gold piece
of Philip II and last but ~~not~~ ^{not}
the most important artistically,
a hundred-litre piece of Syracuse

Having the reputation of the
artist, Enriqueton, from the same
don, and also the ^{Carthaginian} coin
of Carthage, and ^{and} some gold
Byzantine, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~merit~~ ^{merit} ~~the~~
~~the~~ coins.

Two very important collections of Greek
and ~~Roman~~ coins were sold in Paris
in 1925 by H. de la Roche, ~~and~~
represented by Catalogues D and E.
The former contained the most complete
series of Seleucid coins ever sold, ^{and} a number
of ~~Roman~~ coins.

The latter Catalogue E - was contained
the important collection of
H.C. de la Roche, which was very complete
and suitable for the number of medals
gold and bronze. The most important
sale was the by the collection of Col.
Allott de la Faye, Greek Roman and
Byzantine, who had important splendid series
of the coin of Syria, Judaea, and
especially, Parthia and Persia.

~~Finally~~

The most recent sale have
been those of Roman coins,
the largest the notable
collection of Aes Grave
of found by the late Louis
Santal and Count-Jules
Santal ^{was} sold in November by
Sotthals & Co, and the
very extensive collection
of Roman coins including
Aes Grave Imperial and
Conformities, ^{was} sold by
L. Humberger in October.

Report of the Committee for the Award of the Huntington Medal

The Archer M. Huntington Medal, which is presented in recognition of literary and other contributions to the science of numismatics, has been awarded this year as the Eighth Annual Award to George Macdonald, Esq., C.B., M.A., LL.D., F.B.A., of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dr. Macdonald is one of the outstanding figures among Greek numismatists, being widely known through his great Catalogue of the Greek Coins in the Hunterian Collection, University of Glasgow, of which Cabinet Dr. Macdonald has been for many years the Honorary Curator. This Catalogue, issued in three large quarto volumes with 102 plates, is remarkable for its compass and length alone. Volume III contains 800 pages in all, coin descriptions and elaborate indices; and the first two volumes are only slightly smaller. The three volumes were published during the period 1899-1905, and the finished work is described in the author's preface to Vol. III as representing twelve years of strenuous leisure. The Catalogue is a model of numismatic excellence and is the most useful single work of reference of its kind that exists, covering, as it does, the whole field of Greek numismatics. Moreover, bare, formal descriptions of coins do not form the whole content of the Catalogue. Each group and subgroup is preceded by explanatory matter to introduce and elucidate the subject, while frequent comment on the problems and details renders the work a most satisfactory adjunct to Head's treatise.

Dr. Macdonald is also the author of another distinguished contribution to Greek numismatics, which is of the same broad and enduring character as the work just described, namely his "Coin Types: their Origin and Development",

published in 1905. This volume is a series of lectures addressed to a general, cultivated audience. Written in a lucid and delightful style accompanied by ten excellent plates, these lectures review pre-existing theories of the origin and meaning of ancient coin types, and present, for the first time, a consistent logical exposition of their evolution and development from earliest times down to, and including, the Byzantine period.

Besides these two major contributions to numismatics, Dr. Macdonald has given us several important articles, among which we may mention his "Amphora letters on Coins of Athens in the Numismatic Chronicle, his two papers on Early Seleucid Portraits in the Journal of Hellenic Studies, and his interesting paper on Fixed and Loose Dies in Ancient Coinage in the *Corolla Numismatica*.

Dr. Macdonald's work calls forth our admiration, not only for the broad and deep knowledge evidenced therein, but also for the succinct and charming literary style with which he presents his great store of facts and his discussion of them.

The American Numismatic Society feels honored to add the name of Dr. George Macdonald to the roster of recipients of the Huntington Medal.

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The Committee on Publications submit the following report to
the Council.

Three numographs have been published and distributed to date,
nos. 24, 25 and 26. These deal with ancient coins and were
written by Messrs. S. R. Milburn - S. P. Noe and E. T. Newell.
Mr. Noe's numograph on Greek Coin Hoards is 275 pages in length
and is the second numograph to appear in this series dealing
with the important subject of hoards in general. Five other numographs
in our series deal with individual hoards of ancient coins, three by
Mr. Newell on Alexander coins, the two others being by Mr. Seltman
on coins of Sicily and by the late Mr. Seager on Arabian coins.

Our series on hoards is thus seen to be considerable
and will be increased by the forthcoming numograph
now in press on the Mendocino hoard by Mr. Noe, which will
complete the 1925 issues, making a total of four numbers of Notes & Mon.

A manuscript on the Earliest Coins of Norway by H. A. Parsons,
Sanford Saltus gold medalist by the British Numismatic Society,
has been received and accepted by the Committee, and will be
one of the first numbers issued in 1926. It is a very attractive
subject, and the Committee is pleased to have received a paper
dealing with mediæval issues.

Mr. Newell is publishing in England a book on The Coinage
of Domestrian Poliorcetes, which is to bear the imprint of the
Society's seal.

Respectfully submitted

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